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SUBJ: ALGERIA'S UNCERTAIN AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON

- 1. GREEK CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF TYRE, GEORGE HADDAD, HAS TOLD AN EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE THAT WHEN GREEK CATHOLIC PATRIARCH MAXIMOS V HAKIM VISITED ALGERIA RECENTLY, HE COMPLAINED TO ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE THAT HIS AMBASSADOR IN LEBANON, MOHAMMED YAZID, WAS ACTING CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF LEBANON, AND CONTRARY TO BOUMEDIENNE'S INDICATION (ACCORDING TO MAXIMOS) OF "GREAT CONCERN FOR THE CHRISTIANS IN LEBANON." HADDAD CONTINUED THAT, ACCORDING TO MAXIMOS, BOUMEDIENNE GAVE IMMEDIATE ORDERS TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTER TO HAVE YAZID RECALLED AND REPLACED.
- 2. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THE STORY, BUT REPORT IT AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST. ACCORDING TO GOL FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ON JUNE 20, YAZID HAS SO FAR DEFINITELY NOT INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OF A PERMANENT DEPARTURE. HOWEVER, PROTOCOL COMMENTED THAT YAZID HAS HABIT OF FREQUENTLY LEAVING COUNTRY FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME AND RETURNING WITHOUT INFORMING FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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